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WILL NEED NEW SCHOOL WITHIN A SHORT TIME

School Population Increasing Rapidly in Charleroi

ENROLLMENT OVER 2,000

Estimated Approximately 300 Children Attain School Age Each Year

With three rooms in the former Catholic church building in use as school rooms and only one more available for use, present school conditions indicate that it will not be long until the school district will encounter the proposition of providing a new building. The schools are now in a comparatively crowded condition and the enrollment is higher than ever before this early in the year.

At the regular monthly meeting of the school board held Wednesday evening a report of the fourth month of school was received from Prof. James G. Pentz, superintendent of schools. The enrollment to date of January 3, which ended the fourth month was 2,004. For the fifth month which ended just yesterday, the enrollment would show a greater increase. Last year's enrollment climbed rapidly but not nearly as rapidly as this year's enrollment is going up. At the end of the term the number of pupils enrolled were 2,080. The average attendance this year is better than last and it is upon this feature that the school authorities have to judge in providing new rooms

There should be an average of from 300 to 350 new pupils enroll each year. These figures represent the average birth rate. At the most not more than two roms of pupils are dropped in a year. Everything considered it would seem that places would have to be made for 200 pupils at the beginning of each term for the next few years.

Basing the rate of increase as 200 annually it can not be more than a year until provisions will have to be made for a new building. A four-year High School course is being considered and if instituted will tend to increase the enrollment.

Mr. and Mrs. August Martin who were married recently, have returned from their honeymoon, and desire to state that they have not gone to housekeeping as reported, and that Mr. Martin is not employed at Monessen as a mill worker. He is employed there as a saleman in a grocery. The couple are at present staying with the parents of Mrs. Martin at 310 Crest avenue. 154-t1p

THREE-REEL SPECIAL AT STAR THEATRE

Here Wednesday, February 7, "Saving of a Soul, or the Slaves of Passion." The result of a marriage between December and May. With wealth at her command the girl longed for the society of youth. Clean, moral and instructive. Admission 5 cents. 152-t7

Saturday Night Dance.

Saturday night Social Dances in Might's New Auditorium.. Gents 50c.. Ladies 15c. Dancing 8 to 11:30. 150-tf

Ice Gorge Is Broken

Heavy Floe at Lock 14 Gives Way---River Filled With Ice Today

The immense ice gorge at Lock No. 14 near Morgantown, W. Va., which has held up navigation on the upper Monongahela for four weeks gave way Wednesday. The solid formation of ice extending from dam No. 8 to Morgantown was also broken up. Rivermen in the upper pools took means to protect their boats from the passing ice so that little danger should result. This morning the river was full of ice.

INQUIRY REVEALS A FRAUD

Sheriff and Coroner Investigate Story of Boys Caked in Ice

MOTHERS SEARCHING

Chief of Police J. D. Bungarner at Washington has received a communication from Ray R. Gilson, chief of police of Lackawanna, N. Y. relative to the finding of the bodies of two boys near Gallatin on the Monogahela river a few weeks ago. He said that it is thought that one of the boys may have been Joseph Joseph a Syrian lad, aged 7 years, who was kidnapped at that place on or about October 12.

Chief of Police Gilson asks Chief Bumgarner to investigate the matter and send all particulars to him. He stated in the letter that the mother of the Syrian lad is nearly demented. and that her hair is turning gray from worry. She is of the opinion that possibly one of the boys found dead on the cake of ice last Saturday may be her son.

Accompanying the letter is a circular from the headquarters of the police department of the city of Lackawana, N. Y. in which a reward of $500 is offered for the return of Joseph Joseph and information leading to the apprehension and conviction of his kidnapers.

Sheriff R. G Lutton received a letter of inquiry Wednesday from Reading about the boys. Coroner James T. Heffran made an investigation and found that there was no evidence of any boys being found and that apparently the story was a fake pure and simple. Word will be sent to the Lackawanna and Reading authorities setting forth what is believed to be the true facts of the case.

Big three-reel feature at the Star Theatre February 7. 154-t1

TREASURER MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Receipts for Ten Months Fiscal Period $51,221---Disbursements Are a Trifle Heavier

E. W. Hastings, treasurer of Charleroi borough last year has presented his annual report of financial conditions of the borough for the period ending January 1, 1912. By a new arrangement the fiscial year begins January 1, instead of March 1.

The report shows the total receipts for the ten months' period to be $51,221.86. The balance from the last yearly report was $961.97. Disbusements during the ten months amounted to $52,057.93 leaving $125.90 in the treasury.

Taxes formed the heavy part of the receipts and 1911 was the heavy year for them. During the period $1,889.38 was received for 1909 taxes, $1,760.30 for 1910 taxes and $27,824.49 for 1911 taxes. Loans amounted to $12,700. Other interesting items on the receipt side are: Liquor licenses $798; borough licenses, $989.50; burgess, account fines, etc., $661.35; dog licenses $322; street paving assessments, $1,493.67; state taxe foreign insurance, $292.55; miscellaneous, $1,795.40.

The heaviest expenditur is represented in an item of $14,000, a repaid loan. Interest on bonds and temporary loans amounted to $6,021.83. The sum of $5,800 was paid on bonds. Interesting items among the expenditures are: Street improvements, $5,164.09; fuel and light, $4,939.39; paving $2,781.36; water $2,088.34; police and lockup, $2,494.16; sewers, $1,070.11; fire department, $623.72; board of health, $673.35; sidewalks, $232.93; account salaries and commissions $650; fire alarm $418.15.

During the ten months the total receipts which figure as collections of the police department amounted to $1,781.35, which is $712.81 less than the police and lockup expenditures.

CUT DOWN FEE FOR TREASURER

County Commissioners Slash Compensation; Two Per Cent on First $25,000

FORMER RATE HIGHER

By vote of the county commissioners Wednesday the compensation of Country Treasurer S. M. Downer was fixed at two per cent on the first $25,000 collected and one per cent on the balance collected and one-eighth of one per cent on the receipt of other moneys and one-eight of one per cent on disbursements. This is a reduction from what Treasurer Lane received and is expected to redunce the salary about $700. Lane received two per cent on the first $75,000 collected.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCING SCHOOL

Prof Oatman will hold his dancing school every Wednesday night in Might's new auditorium hereafter. Class 7:30. Dancing 8:30. Prize Waltz. Wheeler. 154-t6

Prize Waltz at Wednesday night at Oatman's Dancing School. 151-t6

WANT ACTIVITY TO BEGIN ON BRIDGE

South Brownsville Folks Present Another Petition to Courts

A petition has been presented to the Fayette County courts signed by more than 50 property owners in South Brownsville asking that a writ of alternative mandamus be issued upon the County Commissioners of Fayette county requiring them to show cause why they should not take charge of and reconstruct the bridge across the Monongahela river at South Brownsville. It is said that a similar petition will be presented to the Washington county courts this week.

It is understood that the Fayette county commissioners are ready to go ahead with the construction of the bridge, but that the Washington county comisioners are not willing to make a start because of the lack of sufficient county funds

At present the Brownsville and West Brownsville people who are used to having a bridge have to use a steam ferry in crossing the river. This is hazardous when the water is high or the river is frozen over.

Saturday Afternoon.

Prof Oatman will have a Children's dancing class from 3 to 5 in Might's Auditorium. Lessons 35 cents. 151-t6

SCHOOL BOARD HEARS REPORTS

Superintendent of Schools and Tax Collector Make Statements

ATTENDANCE IS GOOD

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the school board Wednesday night the report of Superintendent of Schools James G. Pentz for the fourth month and the tax collector's report of receipts were features Superintendent Pentz reported that the school enrollment was 2,004 of which 1,879 was in the grades and 125 in High School. There were 1,106 pupils perfect in attendance during the month. The truant officers reported that 319 cases had been reported and 48 had been found absent without a legal excuse. There was a 97 per cent attendance in the grades during the month and 96 per cent in High School. Seventy non-resident pupils are in school attendance, 48 of which are in High School.

Tax Collector J. W. Mathias in his report showed that there had been totol collections for the school tax of 1909, 1910 and 1911 amounting to $1,414.32 Building tax collections amounted for the three years to $708.31. A number of bills were ordered paid.

JUDGE ALDEN IS NOTED SPEAKER

Holds Five-Year Contract With Redpath Bureau---Here Friday

Judge Geo. D. Alden who lectures at School Hall tomorrow night as one of the attractions of the Citizen's Entertainment course. holds the unique distinction of being the only man in the country with whom the Redpath Bureau has made a five year contract. This of itself, of course shows the assurance which the Bureau has that he is one of the most successful and popular lecturers on the platform His lectures are different, not only in material but in their general make-up from those of any other man. For example, he is a poet and he weaves into his lctures, to the great delight of his audience, orignal poems which fairly sparkle with both humor and keen logic.

He was first a lawyer and then a judge, and therefore his lectures have back of them a splendid experience. He is a vigorous champion of human rights, and honest living. One of his lectures is eititled. "The Needs of the Hour," and this has been given in nearly every state in the Union. His latest lecture is entitled, "The Power and the Match" and these are but two of a series of very strong messages which he is carrying to the American people

Petitioners Are Called

Inquiry Made Into Qualifications of Electors on Martin Recount

Twenty-seven of the petioners to the contest proceedings of J. W. Martin versus Dr. A. V. Lewis for prothonotary appeared before the examiner at Washington Wednesday, where they were examined by the counsel of Lewis as to their qualifications as electors. They were questioned as to their residence. qualifications and as to how they voted. The object of the examination was to ascertain whether or not the petitioners were qualified voters.

EDITOR IS OUT FOR CONGRESS

C. L. Schuck of Monessen Would be One of Four at Large

QUALIFIED FOR PLACE

Editor C. L. Schuck of the Monessen News, who has just been elected president of the Monongahela Valley Press Association, is prominently mentioned as a Republican candidate for one of the four nominations for Congressman at Large at the coming State convention in May. Mr. Schuck is well qualified for the position, having been elected Assemblyman two terms in the Monessen distcirt of Westmoreland county. In addition to having had a college preparation, he has had 15 years active experience

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C. L. Schuck.

SHOWS CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDS CHANGES

Controller J. H. Moffitt Offers Suggestions in Report

THE POINTS EMPHASIZED

Sound Business Principles and Interests of Taxpayers Treated

County Controller John H. Moffitt has issued his annual message to the county commissioners which is a commentary on the statistical report just made and published. It is a remarkable document as it analyzes and explains all the different departments of the county's fiscal affairs, and makes recommendations and suggestions for what in the controller's judgment would bring about a better condition of affairs.

Calling the attention to the bonded indebtedness of the county w hich is $1,876,000, Controller Moffitt states that this indebtedness is getting dangerously close to the constitutional limit, and that if the same activity is displayed in road improvement it will not be long until the people will be called upon to ote for bond issues to construct roads. He shows that the average cost per mile of roads constructed is $14,700 and that the cost of construction invariably runs ahead of the estimates. The amount of interest to be paid this year is $87,765, while bonds will mature during the year to the amount of $79,000. For this reason the controller recommends that the commissioners increase the tax levy, which they have done, making half a mill more.

Controller Moffitt also calls attention to the fact that there are more than 600 county bridges and makes some recommendations concerning their care and the enginering expenses. He makes some criticisms on the way of the details of the county business has been tranasted, as well as suggestions for better methods. He carefully reviews each department, and lays stress upon the importance of better methods in making tax assessments and collections throughout the county.

Strongly recommending the State aid plan of road construction, whereby the county can co-operate with the townships in the expense, Controller Moffitt closes his message by urging the taxpayers to interest themselves more in civic and economic questions relative to their local and county government.

PLACING NEW SEATS IN LOCAL STATION

Work was started this morning at the new Charleroi passenger station installing new seats. When the station was dedicated the seats taken from the old station were put in use and have not yet been removed.

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Feb. 1 In American History.

1893—United States flag raised over the town hall at Honolulu.

1909—President Elect W. H. Taft formally opened the Pacific end of the Panama canal.

1911—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the battleship fleet on its world cruise in 1908-9, died in Washington; born 1848.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 5:18, rises 7:09; moon sets 7:31 a. m.; 8:18 p. m., moon at perigee, nearest earth, distant about 230,000 miles; twice at perigee this short month; highest and farthest north today and full tomorrow. Constellations visible 8:30 p. m., in February: Overhead, Auriga, Gemini, Taurus; north, Ursa Minor; northeast, Ursa Major, Canes Venatici; east, Leo, Leo Minor, Cancer; southeast, Hydra, Argo Navis; south, Canis Major, Canis Minor, Monoceros, Lepus, Columba, Orion; southwest, Fluvius Eridanus, Cetus; west, Aries, Pisces; northwest, Perseus, Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Cepheus. First magnitude stars visible same hour, figures indicating distance in "light years"—that is, years required for their light to reach earth, when sun's light comes in 8½ minutes: Overhead, Capella, 50; Pollux, 30; Aldebaran, 45; east, Regulus, 100; south, Procyon, 10; Sirius, 8 6 (brightest star); Betelgeux, 110; Rigel, over 200. Planets in February, 1912: Mercury, near the sun and invisible; Venus, rises about 5:30 a. m.; Mars, sets about 2:30 a. m.; Jupiter, in east before sunrise; Saturn, sets about midnight; Uranus and Neptune always invisible; sun in constellation Capricornus till 14th, then in Aquarius; zodiacal light in west.

THE COST OF PROGRESS

According to the borough treasurer's report, a synopsis of which is published in this issue, it is apparent that the millage will have to be increased before any more improvements can be effected. As it now is the ordinary receipts are hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditures, which of course are growing each year, and any extraordinary expense—which is sure to come up each year—calls for extraordinary receipts, which are obtained by temporary loans. This being the case an increase in the millage levied for borough purposes seems inevitable. It may be staved off another year, but in view of the proposed paving of Lincoln avenue, it is probable that an increased levy must be made this year.

Not only are the borough expenses increasing rapidly, but the school expenses are also mounting up. The local school board is already against the proposition of new room. There are about 300 olds turned into the schools each while those who drop out from the high school, by graduation and the eighth grade by going to work, in the natural order of things are scarcely one-third of the number who enter primary departments. The schools are over-crowded now, and a new school building in the not distant future is one of the inevitables that faces the board.

These increases in both borough and school districts, however, betoken progress. The community is advancing, both in population and in material improvements. If the tax levy is raised, the assessment also increases, and in time one offsets the other. As a new and growing community Charleroi cannot hope to reach the point very soon where all improvements are made and nothing more is necessary. It should be remembered that the improvements attained by taxation increase the productive facilities at a greater corresponding ratio and the public benefits that accrue are ample compensation for the expenditure.

MOFFIT'S REPORT.

Like the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth, County Controller John H. Moffitt has transmitted an annual message to the board of county commissioners, who, like Congress and the Legislature, transact the business affairs of the county. This message deals with the fiscal affairs of the county in a straightforward and comprehensive manner. The communication has been printed in pamphlet form, and should be read and studied by every taxpayer in the county.

The message is valuable from the fact that Controller Moffit has made a painstaking effort to deal fairly with the situation, without any attempt to cover up or condemn. Neither censure or praise is spared in any department where the controller thinks it necessary. As a matter of course business and other mistakes are inevitable, and human judgment is not infalliable, and the controller points out in a number of cases where in his judgment the public service might be improved by a charge of policy or detail. The report is fair and impartial, and it is a detailed statement of everything that pertains to the county's fiscal affairs that every citizen should know.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Abe Martin says one way to be popular is to let folks use you.

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Sometimes but not often the biggest bluff is made by the smallest man.

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All women like to pretend they work embroidery even if they don't know how to take a stitch.

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A sculptor says that large feet conform to the ancient idea of feminine beauty. Chicago conforms all right.

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Some young men are so fond of music that they're always to be found in the front row of a musical comedy.

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It was noticeable that the price of beer didn't advance until after the swearing off period had safely passed.

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A new order at Annapolis prevents midshipmen from spending more than $1 a month on candy. Oh, well this is leap year anyhow.

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So many have been saying that Roosevelt will accept the nomination if tendered him that by and by maybe he might get to hoping.

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Optimism is believeing fate will deliver to you a team of horses when your automobile breaks down on a lonely traveled road, just after dusk.

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Baseball players are clever politicians. Christy Matthewson says Joe Tinker is the cleverest batsman he ever faced, and Tinker returns the compliment by saying that Matthewson is the best pitcher he ever batted against.

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A New York dance hall proprietor hailed into court for conducting a place where "grizzily bear," "turkey trot," "bunny hug" and kindred dances were quite the ordinary thing, offered to show the court how they were danced but the court refused to see them. Probably the court reflected they might prove too alluring.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"The limit of the feminine shopper who makes the rounds of the stores and after having the clerks pull down all the goods off the shelves either buys a yard of gingham or nothing at all was reached the other day in Homestead," said N. G. Steltz, who represents the American Type Founders compnay in Pittsburg. "I was told that this Homestead woman after visiting all the stores, and having all the goods thrown out for inspection, only to make a few trifling purchases, went to the post-office. Accosting the clerk at the window, a young fellow, she demanded in her professional shopping tones:

"'Let me see some of your stamps.'

"The clerk hesitated, not knowing just what she meant, and the demand was repeated, more sharply than before

"Still at a loss as to what the woman meant the clerk produced a sheet of two-cent stamps

"'Let me see it,' said the woman, reaching for the sheet. Then, after carefully looking it over for fully a moment, she pointed to a stamp in the center of the sheet and said:

"'There! I'll take that one. Wrap it up please.'"

Two men who had looked too long on the wine when it was red, and a woman, all three from Monessen, were going up McKean avenue the other night as Street Commissioner Jacob Hormell was returning home from a trip down street.

"They were conversing freely," said Mr. Hormell. "Finally one of the men became a little loud."

"'Aw, keep quiet. Don't shu know's Sharlroy,' mumbled the other as he stumbled along.

"'No, don't know Sharley Roy. Know Jim Roy though, know him?' and the man started off into a dissertation of the Roy family, with whom he seemed to be well acquainted.

"The woman tried to shut them off, telling him they were'nt talking about Jim Roy or any other man by the name of Roy. It was no go and the last I heard of them," concluded Mr. Hormell," they were still going in the same direction arguing about the Roys."

SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

A woman thinks she is handing a man considerable package when she tells him he is lacking in finer feelings.

A man believes there is something to the good luck of others, but he labels his own as sound business judgment.

A good deal of money, as well as some space in the wast basket, could be saved by sending out fewer circular letters.

"He is the kind of a man," a brakeman said in describing a noted failure, "who spends most of his time getting ready."

While prices are pretty high, and all that, you can't think of any one right off-hand who doesn't believe he is entitled to all the profit he is getting.

Of course, everyone is anxious to see the bully whipped. But that is only one of the many instances in which the majority is generally disappointed.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

WIDOWCISMS.

Women love—men make love.

A husband—the plague of one.

A bachelor—the pet of many women.

The less one knows how the better one loves.

After the honeymoon four is company, two is none.

Matrimony would soon be a lost art if we could begin at the end.

Strange it is that the more a man cares for a woman the more he resents a similar tendency on the part of any other man.—Hildric Davenport in Smart Set.

"What has become of the new woman I used to read so much about a few years ago?"

"She's making clothes for her grandchildren, I guess."

TOM REED'S STRONG ORATORY

Maine Man Was of the Soil and He Knew the Art of Compression.

It was 20 miles to town over a Kansas prairie and 20 miles home again that the old-timer from Maine had journeyed to hear Tom Reed make a campaign speech.

"O, Sarah, Sarah," he said, as he gathered up the reins, "we've heard a real Maine man today. And wasn't it good? Did you notice how he said, "We'ell," every time. And he just held the Democratic party up by the tail. I declare for it. I've had such a good time it makes me fairly homesick."

Tom Reed was a Maine man, of the stock and of the soil. He could compress an hour of argument into an epigram with a single sentence he could demolish a laboriously built position; with a phrase he could turn the tables on the most brilliant grandiloquence. When a brilliant fellow-member ended a peroration by saying, "As for me, I would rather be right than be president," and Tom Reed retorted, "Well, don't worry; you'll never be either," the whole speech became dust, and only Reed's epigram remained.

Now it was Reed's Maine heredity and Maine environment that thus armed him to cope with an opponent. For generations there have been men in every Maine town with a local reputation for saying things pithily, pungently and humorously.

There was uncle Daniel Decker, known for his "dry" savings the whole length of the lower Saco valley from Limington down. "Jim Smith's legs is so durned short," said uncle Daniel, "that when he walks down hill the seat of his pants drags on the ground."

IS SHOCK TO BOTH NATIONS

German Waiter Objects to Newsboys Shouting War With France Has Been Declared.

The German waiter in the Waldorf cafe at luncheon time the other day was very much disturbed as he brought the bill of fare.

"Pardon me, sir," he said, "but is it true that war has been declared between Germany and France?"

The man who was about to eat hadn't heard of it, and asked how the waiter had got the information.

"Why, those half a dozen young men who call 'Uxtra, special uxtra!' every other night through the winter in this part of the town were yelling outside about half an hour ago that war had been declared and were selling papers on the strength of it," was the reply. "If they were shouting false news like that there ought to be a way of punishing them, for every German and every Frenchman who heard them must have got a terrible shock."—New York Sun.

Brains and Hair.

A very momentous question has arisen: Does a woman's hair reduce her brain power? Experts are busy disagreeing on the point, which is, of course, the particular function of experts. The principal of a girls' school says that in every case where the younger girls have had their hair cut short their brains have been rendered more capable of sustained effort. A doctor and a schoolmaster, however, scout the idea, perhaps because they have never had upon the tops of their heads a heat generating mass of hair, intersected with metal instruments and shell combs. Every woman knows the hot throbbing, distinct from headache, which goes on under the mass of her hair, wherever it is placed, while schoolgirls have either a heavy plait, involving some strain from the top of the scalp, or a wide spreading mass of hair, which is equally hot. We may yet come to a day when small girls will have short hair, just as they wear knickerbocker suits to play in.

That Friendly Lamb.

The lion and the lamb may lie down together, but there's only one to be called in the morning.—Judge.

Ingenious Spider Web.

Spiders have a number of ingenious ways of alluring and catching their prey. A writer describes an American spider which haunts evergreen trees, and snares its dinner by means of a kind of lassoo. The web of the spider is triangular in form. Two corners of the triangle are attached to twigs, but the other corner, which ends in a single thread, is held by the spider, perched on a neighboring twig. When a fly strikes the web the spider loosens his hold and the elastic threads instantly entangle the victim.

Knew His Business.

"What you want to do is to have that mudhole in the road fixed," said the visitor. "That goes to show," replied Farmer Corntossel, "how little you reformers understand local conditions. I've purty nigh paid off a mortgage with the money I made haulin' automobiles out o' that mudhole."—Christian Register.

Only System of Education.

No system of education is worthy of the name of a national system unless it establishes a great educational ladder, the bottom of which is in the gutter and the top in the university, on which every child who has the strength to climb may, by using the strength, reach the place for which nature intended him.—Huxley.

FANCIES OF FASHION

QUAINTNESS SHOWN IN MANY OF SEASON'S MODES.

Changeable Silks Most Appropriate for Trimming That Just Now Is Much Favored—Embroidery on Serge Dresses.

Ruches trim some of the newest silk frocks. The old fashioned double box-pleating, stitched in the middle and pinked on the edges, is used to edge sleeves, fichus and the edges of skirts.

The changeable silks are especially appropriate for this kind of trimming. They are quaint in themselves, and when made with fichus and the new self-trimming they hint of grandmother's day—only they are much lovelier!

A charming frock brought from Paris was of blue and green changeable silk, with a fichu of very fine tulle embroidered in blue coinspots. The yoke of the gown was of plain tulle. Sleeves were puffed and elbow length. The skirt opened at the side over ruffled underskirt.

Some of the new tailored serge dresses are showing broad bands of embroidery around the hips. Blue serge is trimmed with light blue; red with a brighter shade, and so on.

Lingerie frills of sheer batiste or net are used on many of the serge frocks.

A lovely white frock of sheer linen had heavy embroidery in beige colored yarn.

Many summer frocks have scarfs designed for them. These are draped around the shoulders in the form of little mantles. One in soft liberty satin was crossed at the back and the ends finished with deep silk fringe.

For those in mourning, scarfs of crepe lined with mousseline de soie are worn.

Figured tulle over white silk is used for little separate coats for young girls.

White corded silk is also favored for the little ones. Trimmings in black soutache or braid give a very chic finish. Irish lace and "toile de Jouy" are also much used on fancy coats and frocks.

Hats of the cretonne are made over little bonnet wire shapes, fitting quite closely.

Natural colored pongee dresses are trimmed with scarlet or bright blue This is particularly favored for young girls who need simplicity with a suggestion of brightness.--New York Sun.

RACE GOWN.

Of white embroidered crepe de chine over pale rose Liberty satin with emerald-green velvet belt; chemisette and under sleeves of fine lace.

New Suede Millinery.

Perhaps the most popular form of millinery for travelling and outing purposes are those smart little round hats of suede.

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Imitation laces are usually not attractive, but some dainty ones that edge some handkerchiefs one of the shops is now showing are particularly good.

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The good people who live near Rubio have started a school for people who are over twenty-one years of age and who cannot read or write. The class is composed of 18 people between the ages of twenty-four and fifty-seven. They have only been holding class for a few weeks each night, but already many of them can read short sentences. — Lancaster (Ky.) Record.

For German Monument.

Plans of the national German-American alliance for a monument to commemorate the foundling of the first German settlement in this country are to be consummated. The memorial is to be located in Vernon Park, Germantown, Pennsylvania, and congress has voted to add $25,000 to a similar amount raised by the alliance.

WOMAN DIZZY PARTLY NUMB

Doctors Did Her No Good—Testifies How She Was Helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.

Zanesville, Ohio.—"Last fall I had female weakness very bad, and was nervous and run down I was dizzy and had numb feelings and my eyes ached. I took doctor's medicines but they did me no good, so I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and now I feel stronger and better. I have told other women what Mrs. Pinkham's medicines have done for me and give you permission to publish this letter for the good of others."—Mrs. HULDA ERICKSON, 506 Maysville Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio.

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—OliverWendell Holmes.

DISHES FOR INVALIDS.

The following are dishes liked by invalids and are refreshing and nourishing. The manner of serving even a glass of lemonade is most important in a sick room. Attractiveness counts for more here than any other quality.

Hot Lemonade.—Shave the rind from a lemon using only the thin outer rind, pour over it one and a half cups of boiling water and let steep while the juice is extracted from the lemon; add this to the water with two tablespoonfuls of sugar, strain and serve at once. If allowed to cool it makes a strong lemonade.

Quick Beef Tea.—Put a half pound of lean round steak through the meat chopper and then into frying pan, heat slowly to extract the juice; turn into a potato ricer and squeeze out all the juice. This extract will need to be diluted before being served. If heated care should be taken not to over cook the albumen. Add salt to make it palatable. This meat may be used for croquettes or any dish with high seasoning.

Bread Gruel.—Take a cup of dried bread crumbs, simmer in a pint of water until smooth. Rub through a strainer, season lightly with salt and serve either hot or cold. For variety the crumbs may be browned first, or flavor with extract of beef, or reduce the water to one-half and fill the cup with cream or milk.

Spanish Cream.—Soak a half teaspoon of granulated gelatine in a cup of milk. After it is dissolved add a cup of sugar and a beaten egg yolk. Cook until the egg is thick, stirring constantly, add fifteen drops of vanilla and strain into a mold to cool.

Ice Cream.—Boil together five minutes a tablespoonful of sugar and two of water, add a cup of thin cream and a half teaspoonful of vanilla, mix well and pour into a pound baking powder can. Plunge into salt and ice in a large pail or bowl and open and beat well every five minutes. It will be frozen in fifteen minutes. For those suffering from gastric inflammation, beef tea and soups are often tolerated if frozen like ice cream.

Nellie Maxwell.

Obtrusive Sarah

"My goodness!" said everybody when Sarah Seaney made her appearance at the summer resort hotel.

People had said "My goodness!" at Sarah Seaney so many times in her eighteen years of existence that she had grown used to the remark. The only real bright spot in the situation was that her parents had not named her Lily or nicknamed her Tiny in her helpless infancy.

Sarah was large of bone and nearly six feet tall. It was her amazing length and broadness and massiveness which startled people into alarmed comment. In spite of her prominent cheekbones and expansive mouth there was an attractiveness about Sarah's face. It may have been its healthy freshness and the brightness of her eyes, which held a perpetual laugh at the world in general. It took the older people to appreciate this, for those of her own age looked at Sarah and, because she was so different from the stock pattern, declared she was impossible.

At the dances the college boys circled widely around Sarah and picked out the girls whose heads came only to their shoulders. Youthful masculinity is strong on the clinging vine idea. Sarah, in her yards and yards of expensive lingerie gown, sat out the waltzes and two-steps beside her mother, beaming pleasantly and apparently enjoying herself hugely. The girls took this as a direct affront. They said Sarah was "so masculine."

Further, she had an irritating habit of going on long walks by herself and returning with armfuls of wild field flowers and a cheerful countenance. Her practical ostracism seemed not to make the remotest impression upon her.

Lancy Cobb, the only young man whose eyes were not on a lower level than Sarah's, tried to break the boycott. When the girls set their faces against asking her to the beach picnic he was indignant and tried to make it up to Sarah by talking to her. She regarded him interestedly, smiled a little and did not seem impressed. But she was very pleasant to Lancy after that.

"I like that girl!" he told the others. "Why don't you drag her in instead of shelving her?"

Agnes Simmons set her rosebud mouth in a straight line at this. Agnes was built on the Dresden china pattern and Lancy had been her special property. She was dainty and fragile enough to allure mightily and this revelation of the unexpected tangents taken by men both surprised and angered her. The anger was all directed at Sarah Senney.

Agnes was roused to active defense late one evening when the crowd, wandering out on the end of the pier after the dance, found Sarah Seaney occupying the best bench alone and gazing appreciatively at the big, full moon shining across the lake. She spoke to the others quite as though they were her dearest friends, instead of persons who had perpetually snubbed her.

"Isn't the water lovely with that shimmer upon it?" she asked.

"Great!" agreed Lancy Cobb, sitting down on the bench beside her.

"If you like it so well," Agnes Simmons said to Sarah, with instant rebellion in her heart, "why don't you take a moonlight swim?"

Agnes could swim a half mile and was proud of it.

Sarah smiled at Agnes silently. She was on her feet by now, for she would not seem to appropriate Lancy. "Oh, I don't know," she answered, meditatively watching the glistening waves.

"Go on!" Agnes taunted sweetly. She might have been lovingly urging Sarah to help herself to chocolates. "I dare you to jump in—now!"

A little silence fell on the rest. Sarah, like those who had danced, was clad in expensive and fragile clothes. She gave Agnes a long look. A little of her happy expression faded as she understood the antagonistic gaze that was fixed upon her.

"Would you do it?" she asked quietly.

Agnes laughed. "Oh, I'm not afraid of the water," she said, with infinite condescension. "I swim, you know. I didn't think you were afraid—you're so big!"

A long arm shot out from Sarah's side and twined about the slender form of Agnes Simmons and then with a great plunge Sarah Seaney dropped from the end of the pier, taking her tormentor with her. With an inarticulate cry, Lancy Cobb jumped after them.

As he dragged himself and Sarah, dripping and strangling, to shore he pushed the hair back anxiously from her face. She laughed.

"I'm all right!" she gasped. "But I had to sink, for I can't swim a stroke, you know!"

"Then, why—" began Lancy Cobb, in horror.

"She dared me," explained Sarah, placidly wringing out her skirts. "I knew you'd save me!" Then she laughed out loud as she watched Agnes Simmons scrambling up the side of the pier. "I think she was surprised," she added, comfortably.

"You're all right!" broke out Lancy Cobb in heartfelt admiration as he marched her toward the hotel.

One Answer.

Sir Folly goes a-dancing by,
Fun and frolic in his eye,
On his lips a careless lay,
Ho, Sir Folly! Why so gay?"
Says he
"I know a woman."

Beggar Wisdom shuffles near,
Downcast eye, no word of cheer,
Rags and tatters, meanly clad,
"Brother Wisdom, why so sad?"
Says he
"I know a woman."

—Life.

Durability of Steel.

It has been shown that nearly all the failures of steel occur very early in its history. If a plate or bar of mild steel lasts for a year in service, it may be trusted to last for many years. The most injurious thing is continued bending backward and forward, as in what is called the "panting" of a boiler end. As one authority puts it, steel has a somewhat "tumultuous youth," but "in middle age it is trustworthy, and in old age beyond reproach." In regard to corrosion there is a difference of opinion, some holding that steel corrodes more readily than iron.—Harper's Weekly.

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Daily Thought.

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WELL DRILLED FOR CANTATA

High School Chorus to Produce "Wreck of the Hesperus" Tonight

Tonight the High School chorus, under the direction of Prof I. T. Daniel will give Anderton's elaborate cantata, "Wreck of the Hesperus," at School Hall. Words for the production are from Longfellow's beautiful poem of the same name.

The program will be in two parts, the first part of which will consist of glee songs, vocal solos and duets and piano numbers. The High School orchestra will likely play a couple of numbers as overtures.

The second part of the program will be the cantata proper. Soloists will be Miss Edith Abagail Crill, soprana, Miss Elma Collins, soprano, Warren Kinder, tenor and Earl Nicholson, baritone. The entertainment will begin at 8:15 o'clock A good sized crowd is anticipated a large number of tickets having been sold.

CHARITY PLAY DRAWS WELL SECOND NIGHT

The charity benefit play, "My Friend From Arkansas" was produced to a large crowd at Turner Hall Wednesday evening. It was as well if not better handled by the local thespians than on the night previous and their efforts won for them rounds of applause. As a "charity ball" the play was a fine success, financially and socially.

FRIENDS REMEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thirty-five friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey tendered them a pleasant surprise at their home on Meadow avenue Wednesday night the occasion being their 41st wedding anniversary. Arrangements were perfected with the utmost secrecy, their daughters, Mrs. Thomas Christopher and Miss Eunice Ramsey being the chief conspirators. When the guests began to arrive the couple were completely bewildered. They were reminded that it was their wedding anniversary and the reminder of the evening was spent in merrymaking. Many nice gifts were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey. Lunch was served.

LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Mrs D. R. Duvall wife of Councilman Duvall was removed to the Allegheny General hospital at Pittsburg this morning to take treatment.

J. M. Whitlatch went to Verona to day to visit at the home of W. P. Whitlatch.

Mrs. R. C. Mountsier is a Pittsburg visitor today.

Walton Sharpnack was a Pittsburg business visitor Wednesday evening.

Miss Clara Higgins is spneding the day with friends in Newell.

JOHNSTOWN TO BE FRIDAY ATTRACTION

Fast Cambria County Team to Battle With Charleroi Basketball Boys

Johnstown which next to Uniontown has proved the best drawing card here will meet Charleroi on the home floor Friday night in what is expected to be one of the warmest battles of the season. At the last appearance of the Cambria county passers, Adams and his speed merchants gave them a severe drubbing Consequently Fogarty's league leaders will come prepared for any kind of mixup. Adams and Jimsey Brown were never playing better together and individually on the forwards, Dolin is proving the star center of the league, Allie Brown is second to nobody as an all around player and scoring guard and Herron on the defense is establishing a reputation of impregnibility. All indications point to the finest kind of engagement.

EDITOR IS OUT FOR CONGRESS

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in newspaper work, in both city and country. He is now editor and owner of the Monessen News, one of the most influential and loyal Republican country newspapers in Western Pennsylvania.

The territory which Mr Scuck would represent is the populous upper Monongahela valley, which within a radius of a few miles of Monessen has over 50,000 people. The communities of Monessen, Charleroi and Donora alone contain over 30,000 of this population. Until the election of Governor John K. Tener to Congress the upper river district was never directly represented in the National Legislature. Mr. Schuck's claim is considered logical and the people here generally realize the importance of having direct representation from the greatest industrial district in the State in the National House of Congress.

Need of Public Washhouses.

The poor are dirty because they cannot afford to be clean, and not from inclination or choice. As the Dublin woman said to the doctor who thoughtlessly suggested that her child of six was old enough to be washed, "It's easy for you to talk of washin', with yer hot and cold taps, but what are the likes of me to do with only the loan of my neighbor's pump?" In the multitude of schemes occupying the attention of public bodies the establishment and maintenance of public washhouses, with due regard to the prevention of the spread of infection, ought to take a foremost place.—Medical Press and Circular.

New Industry Developed.

The sterilization of water by ultra-violet rays have now entered upon an industrial stage.

New York Property Untaxed.

There is a tax-free property in New York city amounting to more than a billion and a quarter of dollars.

Borough Team Sold.

The black team belonging to the borough was sold Wednesday night. Joe Roley of Belle Vernon being the purchaser. The borough still has two teams which will be used in borough work.

Among The Passers

It is said the Johnstown salary list is something over $1,200.

Jimsey Brown lately has been putting up the best game of his career.

Steve White has said good bye to the Connellsville camp, so it is said In him there is another former star whose greatest usewulness has been outlived.

Uniontown wants to get George Smith back on the center job, but it is doubtful if those who would have to put up the price will look favorably on the scheme.

Charleroi goes abroad tonight for the second game this week. Tomorraw Johnstown will appear here and Adams and his men will journey to Southside Saturday night for an argument with Freund's pets.

Swenson, the Unontowner who angered a member of the Charleroi team into swinging at his sorred top and "Plugger" Doherty the Cokeville guard as said to have mixed things lively at Connellsville on Tuesday night. Swens and Doherty were on the floor pummelling each other for fair. Sears tried to pull Doherty from Swenson and Doherty took occasion to take a couple of punches at the Uniontown leader. All the time the game was in progress at the other end of the floor, with Alton's attention so closely drawn to it that he didn't notice the real battle. Finally both players tired and realizing they were suposed to be playing basketball got in the game.

CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

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Uniontown	32	12	.727
Connellsville	23	23	.500
Charleroi	20	23	.465
Southside	18	27	.400

Last Night's Results.

Johnstown 58—Connellsville 37

Tonight's Schedule.

Charleroi at Uniontown.

MUSIC AS CURATIVE AGENT

Singing Teaches Correct Breathing and Lively Waltzes Have Good Effects on Melancholia Patients.

Two English physicians of prominence have recently asserted that the exercise given to the lungs in singing is valuable in the prevention and cure of diseases of those organs. They consider that increased professional recognition should be extended to this special therapeutic agency, as advisable in cases where pulmonary consumption is feared.

Singing involves correct nasal breathing. and this means that the air admitted to the lungs is practically germ free, and also the adequate development of the upper portions of the respiratory passages. Another effect is the maintenance of the elasticity and proper expansion of the chest. The necessary breathing exercises mean increased functional activity of the lungs. Then, there is the improved oxygenation of the blood, which singing necessarily promotes.

As we know, most singers and also those musicians who perform on wind instruments are a healthy looking lot. Not many years from now music will be recognized as a most valuable curative agent, especially in cases of insanity or morbidity. What tired, overwrought, distressed man or woman does not know the value of music. How many beautiful stories could be told of the power of music to sustain and restrain?

One of the greatest scientists living has testified that he was once kept from thoughts of despair and suicide by suddenly hearing in the next house someone playing Rubenstein's Melody in F.

In the Croydon Mental hospital, London, waltz music—particularly the bright, musical comedy pieces—is used in effecting a cure for melancholia patients.

Tree Made Lot Valuable.

"Not long ago," says Fred A. Manchester, one of Cleveland's best known real estate men, "I had an assignment to sell a certain number of lots in a new Cleveland allotment.

"In this allotment there was exactly one tree. The lots ranged in price from $250 to $400, but for the lot on which was located this particular tree the price was $500. And do you know that this one little tree made this one little lot more valuable by far than any of the rest? Folks would hesitate about paying $250 for a pretty little lot on a side street, but nobody objected when asked to pay $500 for this lot away out of the ordinary run of travel, simply because there was a big shade tree in the back yard."—Cleveland Leader.

Pleasant Praise.

A local painter spent three months on a painting. He spent a good deal of money on models, but the finished product justified all his expenditures and all his time. Everybody told him so, when his picture was exhibited Everybody but one. The lady whose opinion he valued most was the one he took to the exhibition with him "I can hardly wait," she bubbled "Which is your picture?" "This one," he told her—and waited. She studied it critically "What is it called?" she wanted to know. "'Wood Nymphs'" "How silly of me to ask! They're so natural. Why, anybody would think they were really made of wood!"—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Foxes Made Bold by Hunger.

Foxes seem to be unusually plentiful in the Blackmore vale this year and several instances of their remarkable boldness have occurred of late A few days ago Reynard had the hardihood actually to pay a visit to the kennels at Charlton Horethorne, a village in a sheltered valley, in broad daylight, between the Sherborne and Wincanton, and carry off a much prized cock belonging to the huntsman. Apparently the marauder had been lying up in a hedgerow close to the poultry yard and his tracks were easily traced in the muddy lane by which he safely beat his retreat with his capture.—London Standard.

Maine Nature Fakers.

Maine is a great attae for "nature fakers." The Kennebec Journal puts out the following: "Obed F. Stackpole of Biddeford discovered on entering his henhouse a few mornings ago that a fine black hen of his flock had committed suicide. He found the hen hanging suspended by her neck, and her head slipped through a loop in a cord, which was attached overhead in the center of the coop. The cord which figured in the event was one by means of which Mr. Stackpole had previously suspended a cabbage just above the floor and a small loop was left in the end to which the stump of the cabbage had been fastened."

Then and Now.

Prior to the last 15 years, by the time people had attained their first quarter of a century, they considered themselves pretty much formed as to physical and mental characteristics. If they were ambitious and energetic they perhaps carried on some kind of exercise for their physical well-being, and guarded against mental deterioration as they advanced in years by occasionally taking up new studies or reviewing old ones; as a dear old lady of my acquaintance at the age of eighty-nine began to review her algebra to keep her mind active.

Now everything is changed. We cannot settle down comfortably in the thought of anything in the regular

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She was brisk and full of business as she bustled into the bank, stepped to a desk, indorsed a check and then handed it in at the paying teller's window.

"You see, I've indorsed it and come to the right window the very first time," she said with a beaming smile. "We women are getting to know a little about banking."

"That's very true, indeed, madam," said the teller, "but this check is not signed by any one."

"Well, I just got it from my husband. He's in Chicago. Here's his letter, telling that he is enclosing it."

"That's all good enough, madam, but the check itself must be signed."

"Here's his name on the letter. Can't you cut it off and paste it on the check?"

It took the teller some time to explain and he still wonders if she doesn't think he just didn't want her to have the money.

Varying Weight of Brain.

The average weight of the male brain is from 40 to 50 ounces; that of the average female brain about five ounces less. The ratio of the brain weight to that of the body is the same in both sexes; consequently the difference of weight in the brain of males and females is due to the lesser body weight in woman and not to inferior cerebral development. Thackeray and Cuvier had brains weighing 54 and 55 ounces, respectively, while the brain of Gambetta weighed but 41 ounces, or less than that of the average boy of seven. The brain of Byron weighed 60 ounces and that of Dante but 50. Simms found an idiot boy whose brain weighed 59 ounces and an ignorant man who had a brain weighing 78 ounces.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe reliable medicine for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. F. Hennings.

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FOR RENT—Store room, 411 McKean avenue, Charleroi, Pa. Agent, C. O. Frye. 151-2-tw

FOR RENT—Flat above Orange's confectionary Store. Ask Fred W. Brady, Room 6, Bank of Charleroi. 154-t3

FOR SALE—Fresh eggs at 407 Meadow avenue. Local Phone, 227-X. 154-t1p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Apply 835 Fallowfield avenue. 44-tf

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WILL NEED NEW SCHOOL WITHIN A SHORT TIME

School Population Increasing Rapidly in Charleroi

ENROLLMENT OVER 2,000

Estimated Approximately 300 Children Attain School Age Each Year

With three rooms in the former Catholic church building in use as school rooms and only one more available for use, present school conditions indicate that it will not be long until the school district will encounter the proposition of providing a new building. The schools are now in a comparatively crowded condition and the enrollment is higher than ever before this early in the year.

At the regular monthly meeting of the school board held Wednesday evening a report of the fourth month of school was received from Prof James G Pentz, superintendent of schools. The enrollment to date of January 3, which ended the fourth month was 2,004 For the fifth month which ended just yesterday, the enrollment would show a greater increase. Last year's enrollment climbed rapidly but not nearly as rapidly as this year's enrollment is going up At the end of the term the number of pupils enrolled were 2,080 The average attendance this year is better than last and it is upon this feature that the school authorities have to judge in providing new rooms

There should be an average of from 300 to 350 new pupils enroll each year. These figures represent the average birth rate At the most not more than two roms of pupils are dropped in a year. Everything considered it would seem that places would have to be made for 200 pupils at the beginning of each term for the new few years

Basing the rate of increase as 200 annually it can not be more than a year until provisions will have to be made for a new building. A four-year High School course is being considered and if instituted will tend to increase the enrollment

Mr and Mrs. August Martin who were married recently, have returned from their honeymoon, and desire to state that they have not gone to housekeeping as reported, and that Mr Martin is not employed at Monessen as a mill worker He is employed there as a saleman in a grocery. The couple are at present staying with the parents of Mrs Martin at 310 Crest avenue 154-t1p

THREE-REEL SPECIAL AT STAR THEATRE

Here Wednesday, February 7, "Saving of a Soul, or the Slaves of Passion." The result of a marriage between December and May. With wealth at her command the girl longed for the society of youth. Clean, moral and instructive. Admission 5 cents 152-t7

Saturday Night Dance.

Saturday night Social Dances in Might's New Auditorium Gents 50c.. Ladies 15c. Dancing 8 to 11:30 150-tf

Big three-reel feature at the Star Theatre February 7. 154-t1

Ice Gorge Is Broken

Heavy Floe at Lock-14 Gives Way---River Filled With Ice Today

The immense ice gorge at Lock No. 14 near Morgantown W Va which has held up navigation on the upper Monongahela for four weeks gave way Wednesday. The solid formation of ice exterding from dam No. 8 to Morgantown was also broken up. Rivermen in the upper pools took means to protect their boats from the passing ice so that little danger should result. This morning the river was full of ice.

INQUIRY REVEALS A FRAUD

Sheriff and Coroner Investigate Story of Boys Caked in Ice

MOTHERS SEARCHING

Chief of Police J D Bungarner at Washington has received a communication from Ray R Gilson, chief of police of Lackawanna, N Y relative to the finding of the bodies of two boys near Gallatin on the Monongahela river a few weeks ago. He said that it is thought that one of the boys may have been Joseph Joseph a Syrian lad, aged 7 years, who was kidnapped at that place on or about October 12.

Chief of Police Gilson asks Chief Bumgarner to investigate the matter and send all particulars to him. He stated in the letter that the mother of the Syrian lad is nearly demented, and that her hair is turning gray from worry. She is of the opinion that possibly one of the boys found dead on the cake of ice last Saturday may be her son.

Accompanying the letter is a circular from the headquarters of the police department of the city of Lackawana, N Y in which a reward of $500 is offered for the return of Joseph Joseph and information leading to the apprehension and conviction of his kidnapers.

Sheriff R. G Lutton received a letter of inquiry Wednesday from Reading about the boys. Coroner James T. Heffran made an investigation and found that there was no evidence of any boys being found and that apparently the story was a fake pure and simple. Word will be sent to the Lackawanna and Reading authorities setting forth what is believed to be the true facts of the case.

Big three-reel feature at the Star Theatre February 7. 154-t1

TREASURER MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Receipts for Ten Months Fiscal Period $51,221---Disbursements Are a Trifle Heavier

E. W. Hastings, treasurer of Charleroi borough last year has presented his annual report of financial conditions of the borough for the perind January 1, 1912. By a new arrangement the fiscal year begins January 1, instead of March 1.

The report shows the total receipts for the ten months' period, to be $51,221.86. The balance from the last yearly report was $[illegible]97 Disbusements during the ten months amounted to $52,057 98 leaving $125-90 in the treasury.

Taxes formed the heavy part of the receipts and 1911 was the heavy year for them During the period $1,889 38 was received for 1909 taxes, $1,760 30 for 1910 taxes and $27,32[illegible]-49 for 1911 taxes. Loans amounted to $12,700. Other interesting items on the receipt side are Liquor licenses $798; borough licenses, $989-50; burgess, account fines, etc, $661.-35; dog licenses $322; street paving assessments, $1,493.67; state taxe foreign insurance, $292 55, miscellaneous, $1,795 40

The heaviest expenditure is represented in an item of $14,000, a repaid loan Interest on bonds and temporary loans amounted to $6,021.83 The sum of $5,800 was paid on bonds Interesting items among the expenditures are Street improvements, $5,164.09, fuel and light, $4,939 39, paving $2,781 36; water $2,088 34, police and lockup, $2,494 16, sewers. $1,070 11; fire department, $623 72; board of health, $673 35; sidewalks $232.93; account salaries and commissions $650; fire alarm $418 15

During the ten months the total receipts which figure as collections of the police department amounted to $1,781 35, which is $712 81 less than the police and lockup expenditures

CUT DOWN FEE FOR TREASURER

County Commissioners Slash Compensation; Two Per Cent on First $25,000

FORMER RATE HIGHER

By vote of the county commissioners Wednesday the compensation of Country Treasurer S M. Downer was fixed at two per cent on the first $25,000 collected and one per cent on the balance collected and one-eighth of one per cent on the receipt of other moneys and one-eight of one per cent on disbursements This is a reduction from what Treasurer Lane received and is expected to reduce the salary about $700 Lane received two per cent on the first $75,000 collected.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCING SCHOOL

Prof Oatman will hold his dancing school every Wednesday night in Might's new auditorium hereafter Class 7:30. Dancing 8 30 Prize Waltz. Wheeler. 154-t6

Prize Waltz at Wednesday night at Oatman's Dancing School 154-t6

WANT ACTIVITY TO BEGIN ON BRIDGE

South Brownsville Folks Present Another Petition to Courts

A petition has been presented to the Fayette County courts signed by more than 50 property owners in South Brownsville asking that a writ of alternative mandamus be issued upon the County Commissioners of Fayette county requiring them to show cause why they should not take charge of and reconstruct the bridge across the Monongahela river at South Brownsville It is said that a similar petition will be presented to the Washington county courts this week.

It is understood that the Fayette county commissioners are ready to go ahead with the construction of the bridge, but that the Washington county comissioners are not willing to make a start because of the lack of sufficient county funds

At present the Brownsville and West Brownsville people who are used to having a bridge have to use a steam ferry in crossing the river. This is hazardous when the water is high or the river is frozen over.

Saturday Afternoon.

Prof Oatman will have a Children's dancing class from 3 to 5 in Might's Auditorium. Lessons 35 cents. 151-t6

SCHOOL BOARD HEARS REPORTS

Superintendent of Schools and Tax Collector Make Statements

ATTENDANCE IS GOOD

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the school board Wednesday night the report of Superintendent of Schools James G Pentz for the fourth month and the tax collector's report of receipts were features Superintendent Pentz reported that the school enrollment was 2,004 of which 1 879 was in the grades and 125 in High School There were 1,106 pupils perfect in attendance during the month The truant officers reported that 319 cases had been reported and 48 had been found absent without a legal excuse There was a 97 per cent attendance in the grades during the month and 96 per cent in High School Seventy non-resident pupils are in school attendance, 48 of which are in High School

Tax Collector J W Mathias in his report showed that there had been total collections for the school tax of 1909, 1910 and 1911 amounting to $1,411 32 Building tax collections amounted for the three years to $705-31 A number of bills were ordered paid

JUDGE ALDEN IS NOTED SPEAKER

Holds Five-Year Contract With Redpath Bureau---Here Friday

Judge Geo D Alden who lectures at School Hall tomorrow night as one of the attractions of the Citizen's Entertainment course holds the unique distinction of being the only man in the country with whom the Redpath Bureau has made a five year contract This of itself, of course shows the assurance which the Bureau has that he is one of the most successful and popular lecturers on the platform His lectures are different, not only in material but in their general make-up from those of any other man For example, he is a poet and he weaves into his lctures, to the great delight of his audience, orignal poems which fairly sparkle with both humor and keen logic.

He was first a lawyer and then a judge, and therefore his lectures have back of them a splendid experience He is a vigorous champion of human rights, and honest living. One of his lectures is entitled "The Needs of the Hour," and this has been given in nearly every state in the Union His latest lecture is entitled, "The Power and the Match" and these are but two of a series of very strong messages which he is carrying to the American people

SHOWS CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDS CHANGES

Controller J. H. Moffitt Offers Suggestions in Report

THE POINTS EMPHASIZED

Sound Business Principles and Interests of Taxpayers Treated

County Controller John H Moffitt has issued his annual message to the county commissioners which is a commentary on the statistical report just made and published It is a remarkable document as it analyzes and explains all the different departments of the county's fiscal affairs, and makes recommendations and suggestions for what in the controller's judgment would bring about a better condition of affairs

Calling the attention to the bonded indebtedness of the county which is $1,376 000, Controller Moffitt states that this indebtedness is getting dangerously close to the constitutional limit, and that if the same activity is displayed in road improvement it will not be long until the people will be called upon to vote for bond issues to construct roads. He shows that the average cost per mile of roads constructed is $14,700 and that the cost of construction invariably runs ahead of the estimates The amount of interest to be paid this year is $87,765, while bonds will mature during the year to the amount of $79,000. For this reason the controller recommends that the commissioners increase the tax levy, which they have done, making half a mill more

Controller Moffitt also calls attention to the fact that there are more than 600 county bridges and makes some recommendations concerning their care and the engineering expenses He makes some criticisms on the way of the details of the county business has been managed, as well as suggestions for better methods He carefully reviews each department, and lays stress upon the importance of better methods in making tax assessments and collections throughout the county

Strongly recommending the State aid plan of road construction whereby the county can co-operate with the townships in the expense, Controller Moffitt closes his message by urging the taxpayers to interest themselves more in civic and economic questions relative to their local and county government

Petitioners Are Called

Inquiry Made Into Qualifications of Electors on Martin Recount

Twenty-seven of the petioners to [illegible] proceedings of J. W Martin versus Dr. A. V. Lewis for prothonotary appeared before the examiner at Washington Wednesday, where they were examined by the counsel of Lewis as to their qualifications as electors They were questioned as to their residence qualifications and as to how they voted The object of the examination was to ascertain whether or not the petioners were qualified voters

EDITOR IS OUT FOR CONGRESS

C. L. Schuck of Monessen Would be One of Four at Large

QUALIFIED FOR PLACE

Editor C L Schuck of the Monessen News who has just been elected president of the Monongahela Valley Press Association, is prominently mentioned as a Republican candidate for one of the four nominations for Congressman at Large at the coming State convention in May Mr Schuck is well qualified for the position, having been elected Assemblyman two terms in the Monessen district of Westmoreland county In addition to having had a college preparation, he has had 15 years active experience

C. L. Schuck.

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PLACING NEW SEATS IN LOCAL STATION

Work was started this morning at the new Charleroi passenger station installing new seats When the station was dedicated the seats taken from the old station were put in use and have not yet been removed

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Feb. 1 in American History.

1893—United States flag raised over the town hall at Honolulu.

1909—President Elect W. H. Taft formally opened the Pacific end of the Panama canal.

1911—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, U. S. N., retired, who commanded the battleship fleet on its world cruise in 1908-9, died in Washington; born 1848.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 5:18, rises 7 0[illegible] moon sets 7 31 a. m., 8 18 p. m., moon at perigee, nearest earth, distant about 250,000 miles; twice at perigee this short month; highest and farthest north today and full tomorrow. Constellations visible 8 [illegible] m. in February: Overhead, Auriga, Gemini, Taurus; north, Ursa Minor; northeast, Ursa Major, Canes Venatici, east, Leo, Leo Minor, Cancer; southeast, Hydra, Argo Navis, south, Canis Major, Canis Minor, Monoceros, Lepus, Columba, Orion; southwest, Fluvius Eridanus, Cetus; west, Aries, Pisces; northwest, Perseus, Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Cepheus. First magnitude stars visible same hour, figures indicating distance in "light years"—that is, years required for their light to reach earth, when sun's light comes in 8½ minutes: Overhead, Capella, 50, Pollux, 50, Aldebaran, 45; east, Regulus, 100; south, Procyon, 10, Sirius, 8 6 (brightest star); Betelgeux, 110; Rigel, over 200. Planets in February, 1912: Mercury, near the sun and invisible; Venus, rises about 5:30 a. m.; Mars sets about 2:30 a. m.; Jupiter, in east before sunrise; Saturn, sets about midnight. Uranus and Neptune always invisible, sun in constellation Capricornus till 14th, then in Aquarius, zodiacal light in west.

THE COST OF PROGRESS

According to the borough treasurer's report, a synopsis of which is published in this issue, it is apparent that the millage will have to be increased before any more improvements can be effected. As it now is the ordinary receipts are hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditures, which of course are growing each year, and any extraordinary expense—which is sure to come up each year—calls for extraordinary receipts, which are obtained by temporary loans. This being the case an increase in the millage levied for borough purposes seems inevitable. It may be staved off another year, but in view of the proposed paving of Lincoln avenue, it is probable that an increased levy must be made this year.

Not only are the borough expenses increasing rapidly, but the school expenses are also mounting [illegible] local school board is a [illegible] against the proposition of m[illegible] room. There are about 300 [illegible] olds turned into the schools e[illegible] while those who drop out from the high school, by graduation and the eighth grade by going to work, in the natural order of things are scarcely one-third of the number who enter primary departments. The schools are over-crowded now, and a new school building in the not distant future is one of the inevitables that faces the board.

These increases in both borough and school districts, however, betoken progress. The community is advancing, both in population and in material improvements. If the tax levy is raised, the assessment also increases, and in time one offsets the other. As a new and growing community Charleroi cannot hope to reach the point very soon where all improvements are made and nothing more is necessary. It should be remembered that the improvements attained by taxation increase the productive facilities at a greater corresponding ratio and the public benefits that accrue are ample compensation for the expenditure.

MOFFIT'S REPORT.

Like the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth, County Controller John H Moffit has transmitted an annual message to the board of county commissioners, who, like Congress and the Legislature, transact the business affairs of the county. This message deals with the fiscal affairs of the county in a straightforward and comprehensive manner. The communication has been printed in pamphlet form, and should be read and studied by every taxpayer in the county.

The message is valuable from the fact that Controller Moffit has made a painstaking effort to deal fairly with the situation, without any attempt to cover up or condemn. Neither censure or praise is spared in any department where the controller thinks it necessary. As a matter of course business and other mistakes are inevitable, and human judgment is not infalliable, and the controller points out in a number of cases where in his judgment the public service might be improved by a change of policy or detail. The report is fair and impartial, and it is a detailed statement of everything that pertains to the county's fiscal affairs that every citizen should know

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Abe Martin says one way to be popular is to let folks use you.

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Sometimes but not often the biggest bluff is made by the smallest man.

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All women like to pretend they work embroidery even if they don't know how to take a stitch.

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A sculptor says that large feet conform to the ancient idea of feminine beauty. Chicago conforms all right

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Some young men are so fond of music that they're always to be found in the front row of a musical comedy.

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It was noticeable that the price of beer didn't advance until after the swearing off period had safely passed.

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A new order at Annapolis prevents midshipmen from spending more than $1 a month on candy. Oh, well this is leap year anyhow.

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So many have been saying that Roosevelt will accept the nomination if tendered him that by and by maybe he might get to hoping.

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Optimism is believeing fate will deliver to you a team of horses when your automobile breaks down on a lonely traveled road, just after dusk

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Baseball players are clever politicians. Christy Matthewson says Joe Tinker is the cleverest batsman he ever faced, and Tinker returns the compliment by saying that Matthewson is the best pitcher he ever batted against

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A New York dance hall proprietor [illegible] a place where "grizzily bear," "turkey trot," "bunny hug" and kindred dances were quite the ordinary thing, offered to show the court how they were danced but the court refused to see them. Probably the court reflected they might prove too alluring.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"The limit of the feminine shopper who makes the rounds of the stores and after having the clerks pull down all the goods off the shelves either buys a yard of gingham or nothing at all was reached the other day in Homestead," said N. G. Steltz, who represents the American Type Founders compnay in Pittsburg. "I was told that this Homestead woman after visiting all the stores, and having all the goods thrown out for inspection, only to make a few trifling purchases, went to the post-office. Accosting the clerk at the window, a young fellow, she demanded in her professional shopping tones:

"'Let me see some of your stamps.'

"The clerk hesitated, not knowing just what she meant, and the demand was repeated, more sharply than before

"Still at a loss as to what the woman meant the clerk produced a sheet of two-cent stamps

"'Let me see it,' said the woman, reaching for the sheet. Then, after carefully looking it over for fully a moment, she pointed to a stamp in the center of the sheet and said.

"'There! I'll take that one. Wrap it up please.'"

Two men who had looked too long on the wine when it was red, and a woman, all three from Monessen, were going up McKean avenue the other night as Street Commissioner Jacob Hormell was returning home from a trip down street.

"They were conversing freely," said Mr. Hormell. "Finally one of the men became a little loud."

"'Aw, keep quiet. Don't shu know's Sharlroy,' mumbled the other as he stumbled along.

"'No, don't know Sharley Roy. Know Jim Roy though, know him?' and the man started off into a dissertation of the Roy family, with whom he seemed to be well acquainted.

"The woman tried to shut them off, telling him they were'nt talking about Jim Roy or any other man by the name of Roy. It was no go and the last I heard of them," concluded Mr. Hormell," they were still going in the same direction arguing about the Roys."

SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

A woman thinks she is handing a man considerable package when she tells him he is lacking in finer feelings.

A man believes there is something to the good luck of others, but he labels his own as sound business judgment.

A good deal of money, as well as some space in the wast basket, could be saved by sending out fewer circular letters.

"He is the kind of a man," a brakeman said in describing a noted failure, "who spends most of his time getting ready."

While prices are pretty high, and all that, you can't think of any one right off-hand who doesn't believe he is entitled to all the profit he is getting.

Of course, everyone is anxious to see the bully whipped. But that is only one of the many instances in which the majority is generally disappointed.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

WIDOWCISMS.

Women love—men make love

A husband—the plague of one.

A bachelor—the pet of many women.

The less one knows how the better one loves

After the honeymoon four is company, two is none.

Matrimony would soon be a lost art if we could begin at the end.

Strange it is that the more a man cares for a woman the more he resents a similar tendency on the part of any other man.—Hildric Davenport in Smart Set

"What has become of the 'new woman' I've heard so much about a few years ago?"

"She's looking clothes for her grandchildren, I guess."

TOM REED'S STRONG ORATORY

Maine Man Was of the Soil and He Knew the Art of Compression.

It was 20 miles to town over a Kansas prairie and 20 miles home again that the old timer from Maine had journeyed to hear Tom Reed make a campaign speech.

"O, Sarah, Sarah," he said, as he gathered up the reins, "we've heard a real Maine man today. And wasn't it good? Did you notice how he said, "We'ell," every time. And he just held the Democratic party up by the tail. I declare for it. I've had such a good time it makes me fairly homesick."

Tom Reed was a Maine man, of the stock and of the soil. He could compress an hour of argument into an epigram with a single sentence he could demolish a laboriously built position; with a phrase he could turn the tables on the most brilliant grandiloquence. When a brilliant fellow-member ended a peroration by saying, "As for me, I would rather be right than be president," and Tom Reed retorted, "Well, don't worry; you'll never be either," the whole speech became dust, and only Reed's epigram remained.

Now it was Reed's Maine heredity and Maine environment that thus armed him to cope with an opponent. For generations there have been men in every Maine town with a local reputation for saying things pithily, pungently and humorously.

There was uncle Daniel Decker, known for his "dry" savings the whole length of the lower Saco valley from Limington down. "Jim Smith's legs is so durned short," said uncle Daniel, "that when he walks down hill the seat of his pants drags on the ground."

IS SHOCK TO BOTH NATIONS

German Waiter Objects to Newsboys Shouting War With France Has Been Declared.

The German waiter in the Waldorf cafe at luncheon time the other day was very much disturbed as he brought the bill of fare.

"Pardon me, sir," he said, "but is it true that war has been declared between Germany and France?"

The man who was about to eat hadn't heard of it, and asked how the waiter had got the information.

"Why, those half a dozen young men who call 'Extra, special extra!' every other night through the winter in this part of the town were yelling outside about half an hour ago that war had been declared and were selling papers on the strength of it," was the reply. "If they were shouting false news like that there ought to be a way of punishing them, for every German and every Frenchman who heard them must have got a terrible shock."—New York Sun.

Brains and Hair.

A very momentous question has arisen: Does a woman's hair reduce her brain power? Experts are busy disagreeing on the point, which is, of course, the particular function of experts. The principal of a girls' school says that in every case where the younger girls have had their hair cut short their brains have been rendered more capable of sustained effort. A doctor and a schoolmaster, however, scout the idea, perhaps because they have never had upon the tops of their heads a heat generating mass of hair, intersected with metal instruments and shell combs. Every woman knows the hot throbbing, distinct from headache, which goes on under the mass of her hair, wherever it is placed, while schoolgirls have either a heavy plait, involving some strain from the top of the scalp, or a wide spreading mass of hair, which is equally hot. We may yet come to a day when small girls will have short hair, just as they wear knickerbocker suits to play in.

That Friendly Lamb.

The lion and the lamb may lie down together, but there's only one to be called in the morning.—Judge.

Ingenious Spider Web.

Spiders have a number of ingenious ways of alluring and catching their prey. A writer describes an American spider which haunts evergreen trees, and snares its dinner by means of a kind of lassoo. The web of the spider is triangular in form. Two corners of the triangle are attached to twigs, but the other corner, which ends in a single thread, is held by the spider, perched on a neighboring twig. When a fly strikes the web the spider loosens his hold and the elastic threads instantly entangle the victim.

Knew His Business.

"What you want to do is to have that mudhole in the road fixed," said the visitor. "That goes to snow," replied Farmer Corntossel, "how little you reformers understand local conditions. I've purty nigh paid off a mortgage with the money I made haulin' automobiles out o' that mudhole."—Christian Register.

Only System of Education.

The system of education is worthy of the name of a national system unless it establishes a great educational ladder, the bottom of which is in the gutter and the top in the university, on which every child who has the strength to climb may, by using the strength, reach the place for which nature intended him.—Huxley.

FANCIES OF FASHION

QUAINTNESS SHOWN IN MANY OF SEASON'S MODES.

Changeable Silks Most Appropriate for Trimming That Just Now Is Much Favored—Embroidery on Serge Dresses.

Ruches trim some of the newest silk frocks. The old fashioned double box-pleating, stitched in the middle and pinked on the edges, is used to edge sleeves, fichus and the edges of skirts.

The changeable silks are especially appropriate for this kind of trimming. They are quaint in themselves, and when made with fichus and the new self-trimming they hint of grandmother's day—only they are much lovelier!

A charming frock brought from Paris was of blue and green changeable silk, with a fichu of very fine tulle embroidered in blue coinspots. The yoke of the gown was of plain tulle. Sleeves were puffed and elbow length. The skirt opened at the side over ruffled underskirt.

Some of the new tailored serge dresses [illegible] wide bands of embroidery around the hips. Blue serge is trimmed with light blue; red with a brighter shade, and so on.

Lingerie frills of sheer batiste or net are used on many of the serge frocks.

A lovely white frock of sheer linen had heavy embroidery in beige colored yarn

Many summer frocks have scarfs designed for them. These are draped around the shoulders in the form of little mantles. One in soft liberty satin was crossed at the back and the ends finished with deep silk fringe.

For those in mourning, scarfs of crepe lined with mousseline de soie are worn.

Figured tulle over white silk is used for little separate coats for young girls.

White corded silk is also favored for the little ones. Trimmings in black soutache or braid give a very chic finish. Irish lace and "toile de Jouy" are also much used on fancy coats and frocks.

Hats of the cretonne are made over little bonnet wire shapes, fitting quite closely.

Natural colored pongee dresses are trimmed with scarlet or bright blue. This is particularly favored for young girls who need simplicity with a suggestion of brightness.—New York Sun.

RACE GOWN.

Of white embroidered crepe de chine over pale rose Liberty satin with emerald-green velvet belt; chemisette and under sleeves of fine lace.

New Suede Millinery.

Perhaps the most popular form of millinery for travelling and outing purposes are those smart little round hats of suede.

They are simply trimmed with a strap and buckle, which are fashioned in colored suede in such colors as cinnamon, champagne, cerise, royal blue myrtle green, mole gray, saxe blue purple or other varying shades. Being very soft, they are ideal for motoring and can be worn with serge or cotton frocks for country use.

Several women have bought them to wear with white linen and serge frocks, adopting the idea of wearing suede shoes to match, and carrying an en tout cas of a like color finished with a suede-covered handle.

Lace Handkerchiefs.

Imitation laces are usually not attractive, but some dainty ones that edge some handkerchiefs one of the shops is now showing are particularly good.

Princess laces are usually sold at prices that are prohibitive for most of us to enjoy possessing them, but these imitations are pretty enough for any woman to enjoy owning.

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For German Monument.

Plans of the national German-American alliance for a monument to commemorate the foundling of the first German settlement in this country are to be consummated. The memorial is to be located in Vernon Park, Germantown, Pennsylvania, and congress has voted to add $25,000 to a similar amount raised by the alliance.

WOMAN DIZZY PARTLY NUMB

Doctors Did Her No Good—Testifies How She Was Helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.

Zanesville Ohio — "Last fall I had female weakness very bad, and was nervous and run down I was dizzy and had numb feelings and my eyes ached. I took doctor's medicines but they did me no good, so I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I did so, and now I feel stronger and better. I have told other women what Mrs. Pinkham's medicines have done for me and give you permission to publish this letter for the good of others."— Mrs HULDA ERICKSON, 506 Maysville Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

TAKE your needle, my child, and work at your pattern; it wil come out a rose by and by. Life is like that—one stitch at a time taken patiently, and the pattern will come out all right, like embroidery

—OliverWendell Holmes.

DISHES FOR INVALIDS.

The following are dishes liked by invalids and are refreshing and nourishing. The manner of serving even a glass of lemonade is most important in a sick room. Attractiveness counts for more here than any other quality.

Hot Lemonade.—Shave the rind from a lemon using only the thin outer rind, pour over it one and a half cups of boiling water and let steep while the juice is extracted from the lemon; add this to the water with two tablespoonfuls of sugar, strain and serve at once If allowed to cool it makes a strong lemonade.

Quick Beef Tea.—Put a half pound of lean round steak through the meat chopper and then into frying pan, heat slowly to extract the juice, turn into a potato ricer and squeeze out all the juice. This extract will need to be diluted before being served. If heated care should be taken not to over cook the albumen. Add salt to make it palatable. This meat may be used for croquettes or any dish with nice seasoning.

Bread Gruel.—Take a cup of dried bread crumbs, simmer in a pint of water until smooth Rub through a strainer, season lightly with salt and serve either hot or cold For variety the crumbs may be browned first, or flavor with extract of beef, or reduce the water to one-half and fill the cup with cream or milk.

Spanish Cream.—Soak a half teaspoon of granulated gelatine in a cup of milk. After it is dissolved add a cup of sugar and a beaten egg yolk Cook until the egg is thick, stirring constantly, add fifteen drops of vanilla and strain into a mold to cool

Ice Cream.—Boil together five minutes a tablespoonful of sugar and two of water, add a cup of thin cream and a half teaspoonful of vanilla, mix well and pour into a pound baking powder can. Plunge into salt and ice in a large pail or bowl and open and beat well every five minutes. It will be frozen in fifteen minutes. For those suffering from gastric inflammation beef tea and soups are often tolerated if frozen like ice cream.

Nellie Maxwell.

Obtrusive Sarah

"My goodness!" said everybody when Sarah Seaney made her appearance at the summer resort hotel.

People had said "My goodness!" at Sarah Seaney so many times in her eighteen years of existence that she had grown used to the remark. The only real bright spot in the situation was that her parents had not named her Lily or nicknamed her Tiny in her helpless infancy.

Sarah was large of bone and nearly six feet tall It was her amazing length and broadness and massiveness which startled people into alarmed comment In spite of her prominent cheekbones and expansive mouth there was an attractiveness about Sarah's face It may have been its healthy freshness and the brightness of her eyes, which held a perpetual laugh at the world in general It took the older people to appreciate this, for those of her own age looked at Sarah and, because she was so different from the stock pattern, declared she was impossible.

At the dances the college boys circled widely around Sarah and picked out the girls whose heads came only to their shoulders Youthful masculinity is strong on the clinging vine idea Sarah, in her yards and yards of expensive lingerie gown, sat out the waltzes and two steps beside her mother, beaming pleasantly and apparently enjoying herself hugely. The girls took this as a direct affront. They said Sarah was "so masculine"

Further, she had an irritating habit of going on long walks by herself and returning with armfuls of wild field flowers and a cheerful countenance. Her practical ostracism seemed not to make the remotest impression upon her.

Lancy Cobb, the only young man whose eyes were not on a lower level than Sarah's, tried to break the boycott. When the girls set their faces against asking her to the beach picnic he was indignant and tried to make it up to Sarah by talking to her She regarded him interestedly, smiled a little and did not seem impressed But she was very pleasant to Lancy after that.

"I like that girl!" he told the others "Why don't you drag her in instead of shelving her?"

Agnes Simmons set her rosebud mouth in a straight line at this Agnes was built on the Dresden china pattern and Lancy had been her special property She was dainty and fragile enough to allure mightily and this revelation of the unexpected tangents taken by men both surprised and angered her The anger was all directed at Sarah Searey

Agnes was roused to active defense late one evening when the crowd, wandering out on the end of the pier after the dance found Sarah Seaney occupying the best bench alone and gazing appreciatively at the big, full moon shining across the lake She spoke to the others quite as though they were her dearest friends, instead of persons who had perpetually snubbed her

"Isn't the water lovely with that shimmer upon it?" she asked.

"Great!" agreed Lancy Cobb, sitting down on the bench beside her

"If you like it so well," Agnes Simmons said to Sarah, with instant rebellion in her heart, "why don't you take a moonlight swim?"

Agnes could swim a half mile and was proud of it.

Sarah smiled at Agnes silently. She was on her feet by now, for she would not seem to appropriate Lancy "Oh, I don't know," she answered, meditatively watching the glistening waves

"Go on!" Agnes taunted sweetly She might have been lovingly urging Sarah to help herself to chocolates "I dare you to jump in—now!"

A little silence fell on the rest. Sarah, like those who had danced, was clad in expensive and fragile clothes She gave Agnes a long look A little of her happy expression faded as she understood the antagonistic gaze that was fixed upon her

"Would you do it?" she asked quietly.

Agnes laughed "Oh, I'm not afraid of the water," she said, with infinite condescension "I swim, you know I didn't think you were afraid—you're so big!"

A long arm shot out from Sarah's side and twined about the slender form of Agnes Simmons and then with a great plunge Sarah Seaney dropped from the end of the pier, taking her tormentor with her With an inarticulate cry, Lancy Cobb jumped after them.

As he dragged himself and Sarah, dripping and strangling, to shore he pushed the hair back anxiously from her face She laughed

"I'm all right!" she gasped "But I had to sink, for I can't swim a stroke, you know!"

"Then, why—" began Lancy Cobb, in horror

"She dared me," explained Sarah, placidly wringing out her skirts "I knew you'd save me!" Then she laughed out loud as she watched Agnes Simmons scrambling up the side of the pier "I think she was surprised," she added, comfortably.

"You're all right!" broke out Lancy Cobb in heartfelt admiration as he marched her toward the hotel

One Answer.

Sir Folly goes a dancing by,
Fun and frolic in his eye,
On his lips a careless lay,
Ho Sir Folly! Why so gay?"
Says he
"I know a woman"

Beggar Wisdom shuffles near
Downcast eye no word of cheer.
Rags and tatters meanly clad
"Brother Wisdom, why so sad?"
Says he
"I know a woman"

—Life.

Durability of Steel.

It has been shown that nearly all the failures of steel occur very early in its history. If a plate or bar of mild steel lasts for a year in service, it may be trusted to last for many years. The most injurious thing is continued bending backward and forward, as in what is called the "panting" of a boiler end. As one authority puts it, steel has a "strenuous youth," but "in middle age it is trustworthy, and in old age beyond reproach" In regard to corrosion there is a difference of opinion, some holding that steel corrodes more readily than iron.—Harper's Weekly.

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Daily Thought.

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WELL DRILLED FOR CANTATA

High School Chorus to Produce "Wreck of the Hesperus" Tonight

Tonight the High School chorus, under the direction of Prof I. T. Daniel will give Anderton's elaborate cantata, "Wreck of the Hesperus," at School Hall. Words for the production are from Longfellow's beautiful poem of the same name.

The program will be in two parts, the first part of which will consist of glee songs, vocal solos and duets and piano numbers. The High School orchestra will likely play a couple of numbers as overtures.

The second part of the program will be the cantata proper. Soloists will be Miss Edith Abagail Crill, soprana, Miss Elma Collins, soprano, Warren Kinder, tenor and Earl Nicholson, [illegible] the entertainment will begin at 8:15 o'clock. A good sized crowd is anticipated a large number of tickets having been sold.

CHARITY PLAY DRAWS WELL SECOND NIGHT

The charity benefit play, "My Friend From Arkansas" was produced to a large crowd at Turner Hall Wednesday evening. It was as well if not better handled by the local thespians than on the night previous and their efforts won for them rounds of applause. As a "charity ball" the play was a fine success, financially and socially.

FRIENDS REMEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thirty-five friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey tendered them a pleasant surprise at their home on Meadow avenue Wednesday night the occasion being their 41st wedding anniversary. Arrangements were perfected with the utmost secrecy, their daughters, Mrs. Thomas Christopher and Miss Eunice Ramsey being the chief conspirators. When the guests began to arrive the couple were completely bewildered. They were reminded that it was their wedding anniversary and the reminder of the evening was spent in merrymaking. Many nice gifts were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey. Lunch was served.

LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Mrs D. R. Duvall wife of Councilman Duvall was removed to the Allegheny General hospital at Pittsburg this morning to take treatment.

J. M. Whitlatch went to Verona to day to visit at the home of W. P Whitlatch.

Mrs. R. C. Mountsier is a Pittsburg visitor today.

Walton Sharpnack was a Pittsburg business visitor Wednesday evening.

Miss Clara Higgins is spneding the day with friends in Newell.

JOHNSTOWN TO BE FRIDAY ATTRACTION

Fast Cambria County Team to Battle With Charleroi Basketball Boys

Johnstown which next to Uniontown has proved the best drawing card here will meet Charleroi on the home floor Friday night in what is expected to be one of the warmest battles of the season. At the last appearance of the Cambria county passers, Adams and his speed merchants gave them a severe drubbing. Consequently Fogarty's league leaders will come prepared for any kind of mixup. Adams and Jimsey Brown were never playing better together and individually on the forwards, Dolin is proving the star center of the league, Aline Brown is second to nobody as an all around player and scoring guard and Herron on the defense is establishing a reputation of impregnibility. All indications point to a fast game. [illegible] engagement.

EDITOR IS OUT FOR CONGRESS

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in newspaper work, in both city and country. He is now editor and owner of the Monessen News, one of the most influential and loyal Republican country newspapers in Western Pennsylvania.

The territory which McScuck would represent is the populous upper Monongahela valley, which within a radius of a few miles of Monessen has over 50,000 people. The communities of Monessen, Charleroi and Donora alone contain over 80,000 of this population. Until the election of Governor John K. Tener to Congress the upper river district was never directly represented in the National Legislature. Mr. Schuck's claim is considered logical and the people here generally realize the importance of having direct representation from the greatest industrial district in the State in the National House of Congress.

Need of Public Washhouses.

The poor are dirty because they cannot afford to be clean, and not from inclination of choice. As the Dublin woman said to the doctor who thoughtlessly suggested that her child of six was old enough to be washed, "It's easy for you to talk of washin', with yer hot and cold taps, but what are the likes of me to do with only the loan of my neighbor's pump?" In the multitude of schemes occupying the attention of public bodies the establishment and maintenance of public washhouses, with due regard to the prevention of the spread of infection, ought to take a foremost place.—Medical Press and Circular.

New Industry Developed.

The sterilization of water by ultra-violet rays have now entered upon an industrial stage.

New York Property Untaxed.

There is a tax-free property in New York city amounting to more than a billion and a quarter of dollars.

Borough Team Sold.

The black team belonging to the borough was sold Wednesday night. Joe Roley of Belle Vernon being the purchaser. The borough still has two teams which will be used in borough work.

Among The Passers

It is said the Johnstown salary list is something over $1,200.

Jimsey Brown lately has been putting up the best game of his career.

Steve White has said good bye to the Connellsville camp, so it is said. In him there is another former star whose greatest usewulness has been outlived.

Uniontown wants to get George Smith back on the center job, but it is doubtful if those who would have to put up the price will look favorably on the scheme.

Charleroi goes abroad tonight for the second game this week. Tomorraw Johnstown will appear here and Adams and his men will journey to Southside Saturday night for an argument with Freund's pets.

Swenson, the Unontowner who angered a member of the Charleroi team into swinging at his sorred top and "Plugger" Doherty the Cokeville guard as said to have mixed things lively at Connellsville on Tuesday night. Swens and Doherty were on the floor pummelling each other for fair. Sears tried to pull Doherty from Swenson and Doherty took occasion to take a couple of punches at the Uniontown leader. All the time the game was in progress at the other end of the floor, with Alton's attention so closely drawn to it that he didn't notice the real battle. Finally both players tired and realizing they were suposed to be playing basketball got in the game.

CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Per
Johnstown	33	11	.750
Uniontown	32	12	.727
Connellsville	23	23	.500
Charleroi	20	23	.465
Southside	15	27	.400

Last Night's Results.

Johnstown 58—Connellsville 37

Tonight's Schedule.

Charleroi at Uniontown.

MUSIC AS CURATIVE AGENT

Singing Teaches Correct Breathing and Lively Waltzes Have Good Effects on Melancholia Patients.

Two English physicians of prominence have recently asserted that the exercise given to the lungs in singing is valuable in the prevention and cure of diseases of those organs. They consider that increased professional recognition should be extended to this special therapeutic agency, as advisable in cases where pulmonary consumption is feared.

Singing involves correct nasal breathing, and this means that the air admitted to the lungs is practically germ free, and also the adequate development of the upper portions of the respiratory passages. Another effect is the maintenance of the elasticity and proper expansion of the chest. The necessary breathing exercises mean increased functional activity of the lungs. Then, there is the improved oxygenation of the blood, which singing necessarily promotes.

As we know, most singers and also those musicians who perform on wind instruments are a healthy looking lot. Not many years from now music will be recognized as a most valuable curative agent, especially in cases of insanity or morbidity. What tired, overwrought, distressed man or woman does not know the value of music. How many beautiful stories could be told of the power of music to sustain and restrain?

One of the greatest scientists living has testified that he was once kept from thoughts of despair and suicide by suddenly hearing in the next house someone playing Rubenstein's Melody in F.

In the Croydon Mental hospital, London, waltz music—particularly the bright, musical comedy pieces—is used in effecting a cure for melancholia patients.

Tree Made Lot Valuable.

"Not long ago," says Fred A. Manchester, one of Cleveland's best known real estate men, "I had an assignment to sell a certain number of lots in a new Cleveland allotment.

"In this allotment there was exactly one tree. The lots ranged in price from $250 to $400, but for the lot on which was located this particular tree the price was $500. And do you know that this one little tree made this one little lot more valuable by far than any of the rest? Folks would hesitate about paying $250 for a pretty little lot on a side street, but nobody objected when asked to pay $500 for this lot away out of the ordinary run of travel, simply because there was a big shade tree in the backyard."—Cleveland Leader.

Pleasant Praise.

A local painter spent three months on a painting. He spent a good deal of money on models, but the finished product justified all his expenditures and all his time. Everybody told him so, when his picture was exhibited. Everybody but one. The lady whose opinion he valued most was the one he took to the exhibition with him. "I can hardly wait," she bubbled. "Which is your picture?" "This one," he told her—and waited. She studied it critically. "What is it called?" she wanted to know. "'Wood Nymphs.'" "How silly of me to ask! They're so natural. Why, anybody would think they were really made of wood!"—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Foxes Made Bold by Hunger.

Foxes seem to be unusually plentiful in the Blackmore vale this year and several instances of their remarkable boldness have occurred of late. A few days ago Reynard had the hardihood actually to pay a visit to the kennels at Charlton Horethorne, a village in a sheltered valley, in broad daylight, between the Sherborne and Wincanton, and carry off a much prized cock belonging to the huntsman. Apparently the marauder had been lying up in a hedgerow close to the poultry yard and his tracks were easily traced in the muddy lane by which he safely beat his retreat with his capture.—London Standard.

Maine Nature Fakers.

Maine is a great state for "nature fakers." The Kennebec Journal puts out the following: "Obed F. Stackpole of Biddeford discovered on entering his henhouse a few mornings ago that a fine black hen of his flock had committed suicide. He found the hen hanging suspended by her neck, and her head slipped through a loop in a cord, which was attached overhead in the center of the coop. The cord which figured in the event was one by means of which Mr. Stackpole had previously suspended a cabbage just above the floor and a small loop was left in the end to which the stump of the cabbage had been fastened."

Then and Now.

Prior to the last 15 years, by the time people had attained their first quarter of a century, they considered themselves pretty much formed as to physical and mental characteristics. If they were ambitious and energetic they perhaps carried on some kind of exercise for their physical well-being, and guarded against mental deterioration as they advanced in years by occasionally taking up new studies or reviewing old ones; as a dear old lady of my acquaintance at the age of eighty-nine began to review her algebra to keep her mind active.

Now everything is changed. We cannot settle down comfortably in the thought of anything in the regular

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Woman and Her Check.

She was brisk and full of business as she bustled into the bank, stepped to a desk, indorsed a check and then handed it in at the paying teller's window.

"You see, I've indorsed it and come to the right window the very first time," she said with a beaming smile. "We women are getting to know a little about banking."

"That's very true, indeed, madam," said the teller, "but this check is not signed by any one."

"Well, I just got it from my husband. He's in Chicago. Here's his letter, telling that he is enclosing it."

"That's all good enough, madam, but the check itself must be signed."

"Here's his name on the letter. Can't you cut it off and paste it on the check?"

It took the teller some time to explain and he still wonders if she doesn't think he just didn't want her to have the money.

Varying Weight of Brain.

The average weight of the male brain is from 40 to 50 ounces; that of the average female brain about five ounces less. The ratio of the brain weight to that of the body is the same in both sexes; consequently the difference of weight in the brain of males and females is due to the lesser body weight in woman and not to inferior cerebral development. Thackeray and Cuvier had brains weighing 54 and 53 ounces, respectively, while the brain of Gambetta weighed but 41 ounces, or less than that of the average boy of seven. The brain of Byron weighed 60 ounces and that of Dante but 50. Simms found an idiot boy whose brain weighed 59 ounces and an ignorant man who had a brain weighing 78 ounces.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe reliable medicine for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. F. Hennings.

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